

SHERIFF TELLS OF ECONOMIES

Prison Costs More Than Cut in Half Since 1930

ROAD PATROL DESCRIBED

24 Officers Now Are Covering 407 Square Miles

Economies effected in maintenance of prisoners at the Courthouse and savings realized thru organization of the county road patrol were recited Wednesday night by Asa V. Butterfield, sheriff, who opened his campaign for re-election on the Citizens' ticket at the Sinton-St. Nicholas Hotel.

Butterfield related that the cost of preparing prisoners' meals had been reduced from 31½ cents per capita daily in 1930 to 16 cents in 1931 and 11 cents in 1932.

"The present steward who has served six years and five months under three administrations says both quality and quantity of the food are better than at any time during his tenure." Butterfield said.

The county road patrol, organized at Butterfield's suggestion by Capt. Lynn E. Black, is composed of 24 uniformed men and covers 407 square miles, the sheriff related.

Before Butterfield took office deputies used their own autos and were allowed \$200 annually for depreciation in addition to being paid for other approved expenses.

County commissioners authorized purchase of 25 autos to effect a centralized service, and despite this additional expense the budget of his office for 1933 is \$24,302.83 below that of 1930, Butterfield said.

The 1931 expenditures of his office were \$12,182.61 less than those of his predecessor - in 1930, he claimed.

Autos of deputies carry first-aid kits, riot guns, tow ropes and fire apparatus, Butterfield said, in addition to a supply of gasoline for stranded motorists. All autos are radio-equipped to receive Station X calls.

His 1933 budget will total \$188,550, Butterfield said.

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